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Chairman Michael K. Powell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Michael K. Powell:

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The broadcast flag will also lock out my computer as a way to watch my favorite shows using my choice of software on a plane or train, or to send a television clip of a high school football game to family and friends.

Furthermore, if computers cannot freely receive digital television, how can I expect creative developers to discover new devices that enable me to use content in exciting ways I haven't even thought of? I value innovative devices like TiVo, ReplayTV and the Windows Media Center PC, which exist today because they were built to open standards using inexpensive, off-the-shelf computer parts.

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Sincerely,

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October 23, 2003

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Dear Michael Powell,

I am writing to voice my opposition to any FCC-mandated adoption of "broadcast flag" technology for digital television. As a consumer and citizen, I feel strongly that such a policy would be bad for innovation, consumer rights, and the ultimate adoption of DTV.

A robust, competitive market for consumer electronics must be rooted in manufacturers' ability to innovate for their customers. Allowing movie studios to veto features of DTV-reception equipment will enable the studios to tell technologists what new products they can create. This will result in products that don't necessarily reflect what consumers like me actually want, and it could result in me being charged more money for inferior functionality.

If the FCC issues a broadcast flag mandate, I would actually be less likely to make an investment in DTV-capable receivers and other equipment. I will not pay more for devices that limit my rights at the behest of Hollywood. Please do not mandate broadcast flag technology for digital television. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Christopher Keim
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USA

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Dallas, TX 75224

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821 Adams Ave
Elizabeth, NJ 07201

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DAVID IANDIORIO, ESQ.
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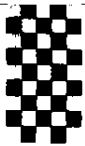
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Given that the broadcasters are using the public's airwaves, essentially for free, it is important that the public retain some benefit. I am an educator, and the current ability to utilize the fair use doctrine to copy broadcast materials for educational purposes is essential to teaching media literacy to junior and high school students who need to learn to think critically about what they are seeing.

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Thank you, Mike Lincoln MD

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Michael J. Lincoln MD
5540 Emigration Canyon
Salt Lake City, UT 84108

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Dear Chairman Powell,

As if Hollywood isn't gouging enough to pay exorbitant salaries to the "stars", they want to make it impossible for me to record what I have paid for, TV programming, for later viewing by my self. This isn't like the music industry and the downloading done there, as I know it downloading the files for movies and such take higher line computers and a lot of time. A majority of the people that watch movies will not take the time or effort to do that. It is a very small percentage (I would guess less than 1%) that would take the time to do the pirating. The movie industry is losing virtually nothing. Don't allow them to control this process.

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Mark Krieger
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New Philadelphia, OH 44663

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Fair use of consumers should be protected above the financial concerns of industry groups. Fair use should not be impeded and any copy protection that means I cannot use what I pay for, then I have no reason to upgrade equipment and if the copy protection is ineffective and flawed, there is no logical reason for adopting it.

I encourage you to oppose the "Broadcast Flag" proposal, thank you.

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